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instructions, the regional office places the orders for the production of building material and instructs those enterprises to whom the products are to be delivered. Approximately 70% of the total of these products are supplied directly to the building places and the other 30% remain in the stock of the regional enterprise in its storerooms in Rokycana Street. The building material and products are distributed to the communal enterprises and to the United Agricultural Cooperatives. All products are distributed only on special permits issued by the Regional National Committees or District and Local National Committees. Private persons do not receive any purchase permits. It happens very often that the factories are unable to deliver the merchandise on time or that the delivered products differ from those which have been ordered. It happened, for example, that the lime and gravel ordered for the construction of a plant in Nuncice did not arrive on time. The manager of the Staviva Corporation notified the general directorate in Prague who ordered a thorough investigation. The officer in charge was made responsible for this shortcoming. However, after the investigations were carried out, it was found that the amount of production prescribed for the factory was much higher than the capacity of the factory in question.

- 3. The salary of the manager is 10 thousand Kcs per month; the cadre officer gets 7,000 crowns per month; the rest of the employees get a salary between 2,000 6,000 crowns per month.
- 4. In the Staviva Corporation mostly the former owners of various business enterprises or dismissed officers of the Army are employed. Of the total number of employees, only four can be considered as loyal to the Communist regime. The others either do not have any political affiliation at all or are "paper" Communists.

In the Staviva Corporation the working hours are from 0600 to 1400 hours.

The regional enterprise in Olomouc maintains a supply of building material for the region of Olomouc. The storehouses consist of three wooden barracks which are connected with the main line of the Czechoslovak State Railway in the station Nova Ulice by a private railway track.

- 5. The shortage of man power in the building industry and in agriculture is very serious. The Labor Office in Olomouc sends most of the young people to the mines in Ostrava; offices employ primarily women and retired persons. A recruiting drive for the cement works in Hranice was carried out recently. People are not interested in work and the trade unions meetings are attended only if it is absolutely necessary.
- 6. The medical care has deteriorated recently as a result of the abolishment of private doctors' offices. The medical examinations take place in a large hall where everything goes very fast. The doctors are compelled to work on piece wages. The value of such medical care for the general state of health of the population is self-evident. The public opinion about the recreation centers is generally favorable. The patrons detest some of the special features. eg, lectures and political training.
- 7. Voluntary brigades for work in the sugar beet fields operate primarily in the spring. The greatest resentment against the brigades is shown by women who have to work all week and need Sundays for some private household chores.

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